

Senate Bill 238

- I. SB 238 changes one sentence in Oregon law: It eliminates the arbitrary minimum age of 7 for youth motorcycle riders and puts a mandatory “rider fit” law in its place.
 - A. “Rider Fit” language has been instituted in the Youth Safety Evaluation Program (YSEP) that was developed by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in collaboration with the Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association and the Emerald Trail Riders Association. “Rider fit” means the size of the operator matches the size of the machine.
 - B. A Class III Motorcycle operator under 16 years of age must meet the following minimum physical size requirements in relationship to the vehicle: (1) Hand Brake Reach: While in normal riding position, with hands placed in the normal operating position, fingers extended straight out, the first joint (from the tip) of the middle finger will extend beyond the brake lever and clutch; (2) Rider must have the ability to adequately reach controls while in normal riding position.
- II. SB 238 is about helping families recreate together outside, enjoying our public lands.
- III. SB 238 was approved by Oregon’s ATV Advisory Committee; is supported by the American Motorcycle Association, the Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, the Emerald Trail Riders Association, and multiple other motorcycle clubs around the state.
- IV. The implementation of “Rider Fit” and the YSEP for quad riders has been very successful, we want the same opportunity for motorcycle riders.
- V. Recreating on Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) is a family oriented activity that raises the quality of life for riders and increases the standard of living for the entire state of Oregon.
 - A. Direct sales of youth OHVs in 2007, in Oregon, amounted to \$5.2 million (Motorcycle Industry Council).
 - B. Oregonians spend about \$541 million annually recreating on OHVs in Oregon (The Economic Impacts of Off-Highway Vehicle(OHV) Recreation in Oregon, 2009).
 - C. 22% of Oregon’s population recreates on OHVs (2012 Oregon Resident Outdoor Recreation Demand Analysis).

Thank you for your service and your attention.